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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my \*opposition\* to the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

I believe this settlement is counter to the interests of the American public, deleterious to the American economy, not adequate given the findings of fact in the trial, and most important, does not remedy the harm inflicted on consumers by the low-quality, inefficient products that only a Microsoft monopoly could successfully market.

Microsoft's anti-competitive practices are counter to the law and spirit of our free-enterprise system. These practices inhibit competition, reduce innovation, and thereby decrease employment and productivity in our nation. (Just imagine how many working people are struggling with the infamous "blue screen of death" an any give moment of any day!)

Microsoft's monopolistic practices cause the public to bear increased costs and deny them the products of the innovation which would otherwise be stimulated through competition.

The finding of fact which confirmed that Microsoft is a monopoly requires strict measures which address not only the practices they have engaged in in the past, but which also prevent them from engaging in other monopolistic practices in the future.

It is my belief that a very strong set of strictures must be placed on convicted monopolists to insure that they are unable to continue their illegal activities. I do not think that the proposed settlement is strong enough to serve this function.

A settlement that would suitably punish Microsoft and also remedy that harm that they have done would be to require them to place the source code for all of their operating systems under the General Public License and make it freely available to those who can make it into a productive solution to workplace needs.

Thank you for considering my remarks.